

# 2014 USAS Convention Notes

*Don Heidary – PacSwim Senior Committee*

## Western Zone Meeting: 7:00-10:30

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Introductions

Approved minutes 2013

### **Age-group Zone Championship Meet bids 2016 – August 10-13**

1. Utah Swimming – ONLY bidder

### **Senior Zone Championships Meet bids 2016 – August 3-7**

1. Clovis – only bidder

### **Introductions of national candidates**

- President
- Treasurer
- Technical VP
- VP Program Operations

### **Western Zone Coach Director**

- Sean
- Ben

### **Western Zone Meet Coordinator – Linda Eaton (incumbent)**

### **Western Zone Athlete Rep**

- Five candidates nominated

### **Officers Reports**

#### **Zone Director – Ben Britten**

- Senior Zone Meet – successful/2 venues
- Age-Group Zone – largest Zone meet
- Zone Board of Review

#### **Treasurers Report – Deb Baldwin**

- Approved

#### **Officials Chair**

- Talked about Officals mentor program – for the Senior and AG meets with reimbursement
- Paid out \$11,500
- Paid \$4,500 for general officials expenses

#### **Diversity Chair – Kent Yoshiwara**

- Diversity Camp – Cal State East Bay – update

#### **Diability Chair –**

- Pacific Para-Pan – 43 swimmers from US (15 from WZ), three WZ coaches, four officials
- Need to bring in more athletes

#### **Athlete Rep**

- Gave positive review on WZ athletes at championships meets – Pan Pac's etc.
- Have WZ athtlete newsletter
- More athletes involved in governance than any other zone

### **Review of Zone Champ Meets 2015**

- Hawaii – AG – luau on Saturday, open water

- Clovis – Sr – Clovis West was in poor condition (apologized), will be remodeled next year – will have start wedges

### **National Committee Reports**

#### **USA Governance Committee – Clint Benton**

- 159 people applied for national committee – with only 50 open thoughts
- Recommending term limits be reduced from 8 year max to 2 years and possible reelection
- Looking at LSC and Zone governance

#### **Senior Committee – Rick Shipherd**

- Legends Meet – on Juniors weekend – covers gap between Sectionals and Juniors
- 19&over are eligible, Senior committee will determine time standards, may be capped with National cuts, LSC's will be assigned
- Juniors split Fall of 2015

#### **Age-Group Development**

- Progression for long-term athlete development document in progress
- Created a survey for age-group needs

#### **Zone Director – Elections**

- Western Zone Coach Director – Ben Britten elected
- Western Zone Athlete –

#### **New Business**

- Reimbursement for Convention attendees (for Zone reps)
- 200 Medley Relay times for AG Zones can be estimated by coaches
- Requirement to have two officials from each LSC at Zone meets (took 15 minutes of deliberation) – failed – back to one

## **Senior Development Committee 8:00 - 12:00**

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Introductions, Review agenda, Approved minutes

Topic – Time Trials (avoiding long lines). It is a priority, hopefully resolved by summer juniors. Use an on-line entry

Review Mission Statement of Senior Committee

Inclusion of VP of Operations as an ex officio member of the Senior Committee – approved

Review of Championship Meet Proposal

### **Championship Meet Proposal**

We have seen an increase of 40,000 13-18 athletes in the sport with no change in the meet structure – Proposal:

#### **Long Course**

#### **Create a third level between Sectionals and Juniors - Legends Meets**

- Start with three meets – with LSC's assigned
- Times – 2 1/2% slower than 2013 Juniors
- USA Swimming funding for meets
- Begin in 2015
- Same week as summer Juniors
- Western Zone and Texas would be the western meet grouping – possibly in Mt. Hood, Oregon
- There would be some rotation plan to move LSC's
- Use July 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year for qualifying
- Event order was approved

## Short Course

- Meets too big – 1,200 swimmers
- **Two meets – LSC's assigned East/West**
- Maintain events – 3 ½ day format
- Begin 2015
- Boundary split is TBD based on qualifiers

## Time Standards 2015

- No change to 2015 LC Junior Nationals
- Some slight changes to LC Nationals (+/-) depending on event size
  - Qualifying period begins July 1<sup>st</sup> previous year
- 2015 SC Nationals – one tenth faster per 50 across the board
- Olympic Trials times revealed Thursday 9/18

## Analytics Project from Club Development

- Go to Club Portal (must be an administrator)
- Can compare rate of improvements within the team, team to team, team to national average, etc. by stroke, age, gender, event, etc.
- Will see a “dashboard” when you log in
- Four parts – they are in part one
- “Who am I?” and “How good am I?”
  - Rate of improvement
  - Membership breakdown
  - Retention rate
  - You can take data down to individual and each swim
- Should be available by December

## 18&U C Final at LC Nationals

- Will continue
- There were 285 18&U swimmers who swam in C final that would not have

## Event Orders

## Sectionals Update

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### December 19-22 (3 ½ day format)

East Los Angeles – Host TBD

Times have been eased 1% from last year or to 6% off of Junior Nationals

Note: January meet had low attendance from Pac Swim and Summer meet was small

Meet management is asking for indications with a non-binding sign-up at **EVENTBRITE.COM**, search for CA-NV Sectionals, and enter number of participants. Please do this by 10/22 as the meet may be opened up to teams outside of the section

### Japanese Exchange

February 14-15, Federal Way, Selection will winter Sectionals, Juniors, Nationals as well as other meets (up to one week before Sectionals). The objectives are to determine the “team” by the end of Sectionals.

**Sectionals December 2015 will be the 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday to Monday)**

### Summer Sectionals 2015

Host – Canyons

Times will be determined on October Conference Call